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Observer status for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

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I. Introduction

1. The item entitled: "Observer status for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf in the General Assembly" was included in the agenda of the sixty-second session of the General Assembly at the request of Saudi Arabia.

2. At its 30th plenary meeting, on 22 October 2007, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.

3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 25th and 27th meetings, on 5 and 12 November 2007. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee's consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records (A/C.6/62/SR.25 and 27).

4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 3 October 2007 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/62/233).

II. Consideration of draft resolution A/C.6/62/L.7

5. At the 25th meeting, on 5 November, the representative of Saudi Arabia, on behalf of Afghanistan, Algeria, Bahrain, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, China, the Comoros, Costa Rica, Cuba, Djibouti, the Dominican Republic, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, the Gambia, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal,

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Sierra Leone, Singapore, Somalia, South Africa, the Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukraine, the United Arab Emirates, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe and Palestine, subsequently joined by Albania, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, India, Japan, Madagascar, the Niger, the Russian Federation, Thailand and Togo, introduced a draft resolution entitled "Observer status for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf in the General Assembly" (A/C.6/62/L.7).

6. At its 27th meeting, on 12 November, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/62/L.7 without a vote (see para. 7). The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in explanation of position after the adoption of the draft resolution (A/C.6/62/SR.27).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf,

1. *Decides* to invite the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the necessary action to implement the present resolution.